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FOR YOUNG AND MOOSE FROM MAYNES

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NAMIBIA

PLEASE DELIVER TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND MOOSE AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE MORNING OF AUGUST 30.
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1. WALDHEIM HAS INFORMED CHINESE PRESIDENT OF SECURITY
COUNCIL THAT HE IS WILLING TO RETURN THURSDAY, AUGUST 31,
FOR A MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, JIM LEONARD TALKED TO HIS CHINESE
COUNTERPART AND POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT IF CHINA DELAYS

CONVOKING THE COUNCIL, THEN, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, THE CZECHS WILL BE IN THE CHAIR AND WILL BE ABLE TO INFLUENCE THE TIMING OF SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION.

3. ON THE BASIS OF THE FOREGOING, THE CHINESE HAVE DECIDED TO CALL FOR INFORMAL COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS AT 10:30 A.M., THURSDAY MORNING, TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF TIMING. THEY HOPE TO ESTABLISH THE ORDER OF ACTION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSAL AND IN THAT MANNER TO DIMINISH THE POSSIBILITY OF MISCHIEF-MAKING ON THE PART OF THE CZECHS AND SOVIETS. THEY HAVE ALREADY CONSULTED WITH SEVERAL AFRICANS ON THE MATTER

AND FIND THAT ONLY THE NIGERIANS SEEM TO BE DRAGGING THEIR FEET.

4. THIS CONFIRMS THE EARLIER INFORMATION WE SENT TO YOU REGARDING NIGERIAN ATTITUDES AND THE DANGER INVOLVED IF THEY SHOULD CONTINUE IN THIS ATTITUDE. CONSEQUENTLY, WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PRESS AVAILABLE NIGERIAN LEADERSHIP--AND ANY OTHER PRINCIPAL AFRICAN FIGURE THERE--TO SEND THE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK TO ASSURE PROMPT AND POSITIVE ACTION ON WALDHEIM'S REPORT AND PROPOSED MANDATE.

5. FOR LAGOS: BASED UPON THIS AND PREVIOUS MESSAGES, WE
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HOPE YOU WILL MAKE THE POINT STRONGLY TO MOST SENIOR OFFICIAL AVAILABLE THAT IT IS OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO MOVE AHEAD PROMPTLY. IT IS NO EXAGGERATION THAT THE SUCCESS OF A POSITIVE TRANSITION OF NAMIBIA TO INDEPENDENCE MAY LIE IN THE ABILITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO ACT WITH DESPATCH. NIGERIA CAN PLAY A KEY ROLE IN ASSURING THIS KIND OF POSITIVE OUTCOME. CHRISTOPHER

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